

Variety.

THE VOICE OF SPRING.

BY MARY HOWITT.

I am coming, little maiden,
With the pleasant sunshine laden;
With the honey for the bee;
With the blossoms for the tree;
With the flower and with the leaf;
Till I come the time is brief.

I am coming, I am coming;
Hark, the little bee is humming;
See, the lark soaring high
In the bright and sunny sky;
And the goats are on the wing;
Little maiden, now is spring.

See the yellow catkins cover
All the slender willows over;
And on many banks so green
Star-like primroses are seen;
Every little stream is bright;
All the orchard trees are white.

Hark! the little lambs are bleating;
And the ewing rams are meeting;
In the clump—a noisy crowd!
And all birds are singing loud;
And the first white butterfly,
In the sun goes flitting by.

Turn thy eyes to earth and heaven
God for thee the Spring has given;
Taught the birds their melody;
Clothed the earth, and clear'd the skies;
For thy pleasure or thy food—
Pour thy soul in gratitude!

REVENGE.

The subjoined beautiful extract is from the pen of Charles Miner, formerly editor of the West Chester (Penn.) Village Record. The precepts enjoined should be engraven on the tablet of every heart.

FATHER FORGIVE THEM.—Go proud infidel—search the ponderous tomes of heathen learning—explore the works of Confucius—examine the precepts of Seneca, and the writings of Socrates, collect all the excellencies of the ancient and modern mortals, and point to a sentence equal to this simple prayer of our Saviour. Reviled and insulted—suffering the grossest indignities, crowned with thorns and led away to die; no animating curse breaks from his tortured breast.—Sweet and placid are the aspirations of a mother for her nursing, ascending the prayer for mercy on his enemies. ‘Father, forgive them.’ Oh! it is worthy of its origin, and stamps with the brightest seal of truth that his mission was from heaven.

Acquaintances, have you quarrelled? Friends, have you differed? If He, who was pure and perfect, forgave his bitterest enemies, do you well to cherish your anger?

Brothers, to you the precept is impartial!—You shall forgive; not seven times, but seventy times seven.

Husbands and wives, you have no right to expect perfection in each other. To err is the lot of humanity. Illness will render you sometimes petulant, and disappointments ruffle the smoothest temper. Guard, I beseech, with unremitting vigilance, your passions; controlled, they are the genial heart that warms us along the way of life; ungoverned, they are consuming fires. Let your strife be one of respectful attentions, and conciliatory conduct. Cultivate with care the kind and gentle affections of the heart; plant not but eradicate the thorns that grow in your partner’s path; above all let no feelings of revenge ever find harbor in your breast; let the sun never go down upon your anger. A kind word; an obliging action; if it be a matter of trifling concern, and trifles are the things that generally are permitted to occupy the mind more than things of greater concern, has a power superior to the harp of David in cramping the billows of the soul.

Revenge is incompatible with happiness and religion. Let him whose heart is black with malice and studious of revenge, walk in the field, while clad in vesture, and adorned with flowers; to his eye there is no beauty, the bowers exhale no fragrance. Dark as his soul, nature is robed in the deepest sable. The smile of beauty lights not up his bosom with joy, but the furies of hell rage in his breast and render him as miserable as he could wish the object of his hate.

But let him lay his hand on his heart and say, ‘Revenge I cast thee from me—Father forgive me, as I forgive mine enemies;’ and nature will assume a new and delightful garniture. Then indeed are the meads verdant and the flowers fragrant; then is the music of the groves delightful to the ear, and the smile of virtuous beauty lovely to the soul.

THE WIDOWER AND HIS DAUGHTER. He did not send her to a boarding-school, to learn frivolous accomplishments, and make romantic friendships, and have her head filled with fashions and the *bœuf*, before any principles for the guidance of her conduct in life, or any distinct ideas of what constituted *RATIONAL HAPPINESS*, had been conveyed to her mind. Certain it is, that the love of *HOME*, and the habit of domestic confidence, must pervade female education, or merely being married will never make a woman fond of domestic pleasures, or capable of discharging domestic duties. It is strange that men of sense, learning, and knowledge of the world, can believe that a weak minded, sentimental, frivolous young lady; whose whole heart is devoted to dress, amusements, and husband hunting, will make a kind and submissive and judicious wife! Such apparently gentle girls are the most unreasonable beings in the universe—as wives, I mean. Men will not believe, till they find by conjugal experience, that a pretty soft-spoken, young creature, whose deepest learning is a few French phrases, and a few tones can exhibit passions as violent as Queen Elizabeth, or be obstinate as Madame de Staél in an argument. Before proposing to marry a young lady, consider if she has qualities you would esteem in an intimate friend. If she has not, never dream your love will last, though she be beautiful as an Host. Beauty is a fascinating object—but who ever selected a friend for his or her beauty!—Mrs. Hale.

It is somewhat remarkable that while we notice in a late London paper the death of a sister of Major Andre, aged 81, there subsequently occurred in Uxbridge, Mass. (Feb. 14th,) the death of Sarah, relict of Benedict Arnold, aged 83.

OLD FASHIONED SNOW STORMS. The following account of two “old fashioned snow storms” which occurred in 1777, is taken from Lewis’ History of Lynn, Massachusetts.

“Two great storms, on the 20th and 24th of February, covered the ground so deep with snow, that people for some days could not pass from one house to another. Old Indians of an hundred years and their fathers had never told them of such a snow. It was from 10 to 12 feet deep, and generally covered the lower story of the houses. Cottages of one story were entirely buried, so that the people dug paths from one house to another, under the snow. Soon after a slight rain fell, and the frost erased the snow, and then the people went out of their chamber windows and walked over it. Many of the farmers lost their sheep, and most of the sheep and swine that were saved lived from one to two weeks without food. One man had some hens buried near his barn which were dug out alive eleven days after. During this snow a great number of deer came from the woods for food, and were followed by the wolves, which killed many of them. Others were killed by the people with guns. Some of the deer fled to Niantic, and being chased by the wolves leaped into the sea and were drowned. Great damage was done to the orchards by the snow freezing to the branches and splitting the trees as it fell. This snow formed a tenorbskis in New England; and old people, in relating an event, would say it happened so many years before or after the great snow.”

COST OF INTEMPERANCE.—E. C. Delavan, Esq. has published a communication in the Albany papers, addressed to the Major of that city, in which he calculates that full two thirds if not three fourths of all the taxes paid by that community is by pauperism and crime produced by intemperance!—And such, as we have no doubt, is the fact, in nearly the same ratio, throughout the country. The demoralizing influence of intemperance is seen and acknowledged on all sides; but when presented before the public in this light alone, it seems to be regarded by too many with apathy and indifference. But if they can be brought to see and feel the bearing it has upon the pecuniary interests of community, we think they will not remain indifferent to the subject, but unite in a decisive effort to suppress it by driving out of the country the cause of intemperance.—*It Phœnix.*

CONDITIONS.
The trial of Joseph Carter, self-styled, or with malicious purposes styled, *Reverend*—though not a clergyman of any denomination, has occupied the Sessions Court for two days. The alleged offence was, an assault with evil designs on a Mrs. Griffin: the jury after a long investigation, which has no decent interest, found a verdict of simple assault and battery.—*N. Y. American.*

LACONIC.—Davy Crockett, at a public dinner in Nacogdoches, Texas, on being toasted is said to have made the following speech:—“I am told, gentleman, that when a stranger like myself arrives among you, the first inquiry is—what brought you here? To satisfy your curiosity at once, as to myself, I will tell you all about it. I was, for some years, a member of Congress. In my last canvass, ~~the people of my district~~, that is to say, fit to re-elect me, I would serve them as faithfully as I had done; but, if not, they might go to ***, and I would go to Texas. I was beaten, gentlemen, and here I am.”

TAT FOR TAT.—A gentleman travelling, stopped at a public house in Windham, Conn. and was ushered by the landlady, into a parlour kept for the beat company. The gentleman noticing an elegant clock in the room, stepped up to it in order to regulate his watch; but discovered that it wanted its most useful quality, that is, motion, and turning to the lady, remarked that it did not go. No sir, said she, it is like a great many men, it has no brains. And also like many women in a similar situation, retorted the gentleman, it has a very pretty face.

SINGULAR OCCURRENCE. The present year is bissextile. The figures forming its date are 1-8 3-6. The two first figures are the quantity of the two latter; each two figures combined make 9, the four make 18, which two figures combined make 9; the product is 16,524, which figures added together make 18. Such a combination rarely occurs.

A Printer, being annoyed by a dunce of an apprentice, who spelt almost every word wrong, directed him to boil a dictionary in milk and eat it for his supper.

LACONICS.

The best thing to be done when adversity pinches, is, not to sit down and cry, but to rise up and work.

Seeking the welfare of man is goodness, of all virtues the greatest, because it is aiming to imitate God.

No man ever did a purposed injury to another, without doing a greater to himself.

Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well; but it is impossible to do any thing well without attention.

Almost all our desires are apt to wander into an improper course; watch then and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

An ounce of practice is better than a pound of precept.

Avoid all harshness in behavior; treat every one with that courtesy which springs from a mild and gentle heart.

REQUERIR.—There are five requisites for a professed drunkard—a face of bone; nerves of Steel—lungs of Leather—heart of Stone—and an incombustible Liver.

BEHAVIOR IN COMPANY.—Be cheerful, but not giggers.

Be serious, but not dull.

Be communicative, but not forward.

Be kind, but not servile.

In every company, support your own and your father’s principles by cautious consistency.

Beware of silly thoughtless speeches; although you may forget them, others will not.

Remember God’s eye is in every place, and his ear in every company.

Always think yourselves in the midst of temptations; and never more so, than when most pleased with outward objects and intercourse.

The glory of a good man is a good conscience. Affected simplicity is the poison of friendship.

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